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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 9-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 9-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Yamaguchi (US 6080468).

Regarding claims 9 and 10, Fig. 1 of Yamaguchi shows a laminate device (11) for use in electronic devices, comprising:

a first ceramic portion [7, 7', a, b, c, d] comprising one or more first layers [7, 7'], each of said first layers comprising a first material [ceramic], and

one or more circuit element patterns [8a, 8b] formed on a surface of said first layer; and a second ceramic portion [1, 1'] provided on said first ceramic portion, said second ceramic portion comprising one or more second layers, each of said second layers comprising

said first material, a second material [magnetic/ferrite powder] comprising a plurality of discrete portions dispersed within said first material [through dispersing magnetic/ferrite powder in the ceramic material; col. 4, lines 7-14]; and

one or more circuit element patterns [5a-5f, 6] formed on a surface of said second layer, wherein said one or more circuit element patterns provide an electronic circuit for performing a

predetermined function, and said first ceramic portion is provided on said second ceramic portion to produce said laminate device,

wherein said first ceramic portion and said second ceramic portion are directly joined to each other [through lamination; col. 2, lines 29-35].

Regarding claim 12, Yamaguchi discloses said discrete portions are magnetic particles approximately uniformly distributed in said first material [col. 4, lines 7-17].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi in view of Shouji (US 5903968).

Regarding claim 11, Fig. 1 of Yamaguchi shows most aspect of the instant invention except "said discrete portions are approximately uniformly distributed on said surface of said first material." Fig. 2A of Shouji shows a discrete portions [22; magnetic patterns] are approximately uniformly distributed on said surface of said first material [21; ceramic].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Shouji into the device of Yamaguchi in order to have the discrete portions [of magnetic material] are approximately uniformly distributed on the surface of the first material [ceramic material] to adjust magnetic flux.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to pending claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Junghwa M. Im whose telephone number is (571) 272-1655. The examiner can normally be reached on MON.-FRI. 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Loke can be reached on (571) 272-1657. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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